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**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.  
Our Ref: 056208.53058US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

**Masahiko IBAMOTO et al.**

entitled: **Automatic Transmission System and Automobile Using the System**

Enclosed are:

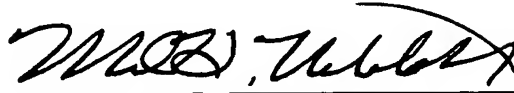
1. Specification, including 21 claims (pages 1-56).
2. 19 Sheets of X Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-19.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (**executed**).
4. Application Data Sheet
5. Assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd and Hitachi Engineering Co. Ltd.
6. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document JP 2002-356124, filed in Japan on December 9, 2002.
7. Information Disclosure Statement w/3 references.
8. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee					\$385/770	= \$	770.00
Total Claims	<u>21</u>	-	20	=	<u>1</u>	x	\$9/18 = \$ 18.00
Independent Claims	<u>6</u>	-	3	=	<u>3</u>	x	\$43/86 = \$ 258.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented					\$140/280	= \$	
Total Filing Fee							\$1,046.00

Two checks in the amount of \$1,046.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the assignment recording fee are enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JFM", followed by a large, stylized flourish that extends to the right and loops back under the signature.

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